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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 00-1156)

In re the Application of:

BlommeExaminer: **Nerbun, Peter P.**Application No.: **09/674,258**Art Unit: **3765**Filing Date: **February 2, 2001**Confirmation No.: **5033**For: **Suturing Means for Connecting
a Tubular Vascular Prosthesis..., and
a Vascular Prosthesis System**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Dear Sir:

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